

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action identified above, which have been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

The above amendment to the claims does not address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents.' Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 3, 5-10, 13-25 and 26.

Claims 1,2,4,11,12,24 and 27-35 were rejected.

Claim 13 has been amended to correct a typographical error and not to meet any statutory requirements.

In response to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 24 and 27-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Tsuboi (US6702483) in view of Floyd (US5684637) and further in view of sigler (US4958919) the rejection is traversed because the citations in combination do not disclose the inventions of claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 24 and 27-32.

More specifically, with regard to claim 1, the combination does not disclose "means for correcting for a colour change which would otherwise occur in an image of an object compared with the object itself" as in claim 1. The color correction system in Sigler corrects for chromatic aberration "if paraxial marginal rays passing through the system are brought to a common focus." In the invention of claim 1 the color of an image of an object is

corrected to prevent a color change compared with the object itself.

Claims 2, 4, 11-12, and 28-29 are dependent on claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 24 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 27 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 30 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claim 31 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 32, 33 and 34 are dependent on claim 30 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 35 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

All the claims have been distinguished from the prior art, and applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims.

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